

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1           1. A method for making a ball comprising the steps of:
  - 2           a. preparing a mold composed of a lower mold and an upper mold detachably
  - 3           connected to the lower mold, wherein the lower mold and the upper mold
  - 4           have multiple suction holes;
  - 5           b. filling the lower mold and the upper mold with covering pieces;
  - 6           c. filling the lower mold and the upper mold with strips;
  - 7           d. placing a bladder in the lower mold and on top of the covering pieces and
  - 8           strips in the lower mold;
  - 9           e. mating the upper mold with the lower mold;
  - 10          f. securing the covering pieces on the bladder; and
  - 11          g. removing the finished product from the mold.
- 12          2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein an inner face the lower mold and
- 13          upper mold is evenly divided into portions each corresponding to one of the covering
- 14          pieces and a gap is defined between every two adjacent portions to receive therein a
- 15          corresponding one of the strips.
- 16          3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein a circular recess is defined in the
- 17          inner face of the lower mold and the upper mold to receive therein one of the strips.
- 18          4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein pressure is employed in the step f
- 19          to secure the covering pieces on the bladder.
- 20          5. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein pressure is employed in the step f
- 21          to secure the covering pieces on the bladder.
- 22          6. The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein pressure is employed in the step f
- 23          to secure the covering pieces on the bladder.